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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 12C and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (“Center”) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 relative to the proposal of regulation:

**957 CMR 4.00: Uniform Provider Reporting of the Standard Quality Measure Set**

The proposed regulation sets forth the process for certain health care providers, including Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Registered Provider Organizations and Skilled Nursing Facilities, to report health care data in connection with the Standard Quality Measure Set (SQMS). The SQMS is a standard set of health quality measures established for each health care provider or medical group to facilitate the uniform reporting of provider-specific quality measures. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 12C, §14, the SQMS consists of the following minimum quality measures: (1) Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services’ Hospital Process Measures; (2) Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCAHPS); (3) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS); and (4) Ambulatory Care Experiences Survey (ACES). The data submissions of each health care provider or medical group must conform to provider-specific data specifications set forth in the Data Submission Manual, which is currently under development.

The Center is proposing this regulation in order to implement the requirements of M.G.L. c. 12C, and to provide Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Registered Provider Organizations and Skilled Nursing Facilities with notice of upcoming reporting requirements. It is anticipated that Home Health Agencies, Hospitals, Registered Provider Organizations and Skilled Nursing Facilities will incur administrative costs to comply with these reporting requirements. Some Home Health Agencies and Skilled Nursing Facilities may qualify as a small business. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

Individuals who notify the Center of their intent to testify at the hearing will be afforded an earlier opportunity to speak. Speakers may notify the Center of their intention to testify at the hearing by registering online at [www.mass.gov/chia/regulations](http://www.mass.gov/chia/regulations). Individuals may also submit written testimony by emailing [CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us](mailto:CHIA-Regulations@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Center for Health Information and Analysis, Two Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116-4704. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2013. Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Center for Health Information and Analysis or may be viewed at the Center’s website at [www.mass.gov/chia/regulations](http://www.mass.gov/chia/regulations).